

# JOINT COUNCIL 25 POLITICAL UPDATE

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## TEAMSTER LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Teamsters Joint Council 25 has been lobbying in support of the following issues:

**HB 675  
State Police Complaints**  
**Rep. D'Amico\* (Sen. Haine)†**  
Provides that any sworn complaint against a police officer that contains false information shall be turned over to the State's Attorney to be reviewed for prosecution.  
*The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee 8-1-0; on 2nd Reading in the Senate.*

**HB 952  
Prevailing Wage**  
**Rep. Beiser\* (Sen. Haine)†**  
Expands Prevailing Wage to cover all public works projects regarding demolition, in addition to construction, as it is currently covered.  
*The bill passed the Senate Labor Committee 9-0-0; on 2nd Reading in the Senate.*

**HB 2362  
School Bus Contracts**  
**Rep. Smith\* (Sen. Cronin)†**  
Provides that student transportation contracts for disabled students have to be considered in terms of safety and comfort of the students and driver training, not just the lowest bidder. HB 2362

will assist in Teamster organizing efforts and open up more contracts for school bus companies that employ Teamster drivers.  
*The bill passed the Senate Education Committee 8-0-0; on 2nd Reading in the Senate.*

**HB 2445  
Omnibus Collective Bargaining Act**  
**Rep. LaVia\* (Sen. Sullivan)†**  
Amends the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act and the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act. Provides that public employees forming a union may sign either a union authorization card OR a majority interest petition. Establishes minimum staffing levels at each of the boards and requires each board to return decisions on certification of a union within 120 days.  
*The bill passed the Senate Labor Committee 9-0-1; on 2nd Reading in the Senate.*

**HB 2625  
Teamster License Plates**  
**Rep. Walker\* (Sen. Hutchinson)†**  
Creates a Teamster Specialty

License Plate in Illinois. Applicants can receive the plate for a \$40 fee. Proceeds will be deposited into a special state fund, to be distributed to the Joint Council 25 Charitable Trust.  
*The bill passed the Senate Transportation Committee 9-0-0; on 2nd Reading in the Senate.*

**SB 43  
Prevailing Wage**  
**Sen. Clayborne\* (Rep. Fritchey)†**  
Expands Prevailing Wage to cover public works projects in TIFF Districts and Enterprise Zones. This represents a major expansion in Prevailing Wage. TIF Districts and Enterprise Zones receive public funds for economic development, but projects in these areas are not currently covered by the Prevailing Wage Act.  
*The bill passed the Senate 34-21.*

**SB 223  
Prevailing Wage**  
**Sen. Forby\* (Rep. Miller)†**  
Provides that all projects funded through bonds, grants or loans issued by local governments are covered by

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*The 96th General Assembly's 2009 Committee Bill Deadline is Friday, May 8.*

Prevailing Wage. Although thought to be covered, this bill clarifies that these projects are subject to the Prevailing Wage Act.  
*The bill passed both chambers; sent to Governor.*

**SB 1715  
Initial Collective Bargaining Agreements**  
**Sen. Harmon\***  
Makes changes to the current Illinois Public Labor Relations Act with respect to collective bargaining of an initial agreement between non-public safety employees and an employer with fewer than 35 employees. Establishes a schedule for (i) commencing bargaining, (ii) mediation from the Illinois Public Labor Relations Board in the event of a dispute and (iii) arbitration provisions in the event of an impasse.  
*The bill passed the Senate 51-0-0; on 1st Reading in the House.*

\*Denotes bill's legislative sponsor  
†Denotes bill's legislative sponsor in alternate chamber

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